

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write the claims to read as follows:

- 1 1. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,
- 2 said method comprising the steps of:
 - 3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;
 - 4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;
 - 5 truncating said first superior resource name to form a first truncated name;
 - 6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
 - 7 appending said first counter number to said first truncated name to form a first
 - 8 appended name;
 - 9 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource;
 - 10 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;
 - 11 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;
 - 12 truncating said second superior resource name to form a second truncated name;
 - 13 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;
 - 14 appending said second counter number to said second truncated name to form a
 - 15 second appended name; and
 - 16 assigning said second appended name to the second subordinate resource.

1 2. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating com-
2 prises:

3 a step of dropping the last n characters of said first and second superior resource
4 names, where $n \geq 3$.

1 3. (Canceled).

1 4. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2 wherein said counter numbers are at
2 least three digits in length.

1 5. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,
2 said method comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;

4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;

5 obtaining a first counter number of n digits from a global counter;

6 substituting said first counter number for n characters in said first superior re-
7 source name to form a first name;

8 assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource;

9 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;

10 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;

11 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and

12 substituting said second counter number in said second superior resource name to form a
13 second name; and
14 assigning said second name to the second subordinate resource.

1 6. (Original): The method of claim 5 wherein $n \geq 3$.

1 7. (Cancelled).

1 8. (Currently Amended) A method for generating unique subordinate resource names,
2 comprising:

3 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
4 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
5 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;
6 generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter; and
7 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
8 truncated name of its related superior resource and an the identification (ID) number, the
9 ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one
10 or more superior resources.

1 9. (Cancelled)

1 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 8, further comprising:

2 incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique
3 counter number.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is greater than or
3 equal to three.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 using one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 using one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
2 one or more superior resources, each of the one or more superior resources having
3 a name;
4 a global counter to create a counter number, the counter number to be used as a
5 unique ID number; and
6 one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources
7 related to one of the one or more superior resources, each of the one or more subordinate
8 resources being named as a combination of a truncated name of its related superior re-

9 source and ~~an~~ the identification (ID) number, the ID number unique to each of the one or
10 more subordinate resources across all of the one or more superior resources.

1 15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~15~~ 14, further comprising:
2 the global counter incremented for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique
3 counter number.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
2 the truncated name formed by truncating n characters of the superior resource
3 name, where n is greater than or equal to three.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
2 a server in communicating relationship with the one or more superior resources.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, further comprising:
2 a computer network for use as the communicating relationship.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
2 one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

- 1 21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
 - 2 one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.
- 1 22. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
 - 2 means for identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
 - 4 means for truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;
 - 5 means for generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter;
 - 6 and
 - 7 means for naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination
 - 8 of the truncated name of its related superior resource and ~~an~~ the identification (ID) num-
 - 9 ber, the ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of
 - 10 the one or more superior resources.
- 1 23. (Currently Amended) A computer readable media, comprising: the computer read-
- 2 able media containing instructions for execution on a processor for the practice of the
- 3 method of,
 - 4 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
 - 5 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
 - 6 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;
 - 7 generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter; and

8 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
9 truncated name of its related superior resource and ~~an~~ the identification (ID) number, the
10 ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one
11 or more superior resources.

1 24. (Currently Amended) Electromagnetic signals propagating on a computer network,
2 comprising:

3 the electromagnetic signals carrying instructions for execution on a processor for
4 the practice of the method of,

5 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
6 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

7 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources;

8 generating a unique identification (ID) number from a global counter; and

9 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
10 truncated name of its related superior resource and ~~an~~ the identification (ID) number, the
11 ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one
12 or more superior resources.

1 25. (Previously Presented) A method for generating a unique subordinate resource
2 name, said method comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;

5 truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
6 obtaining a counter number from a counter;
7 appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an appended
8 name; and
9 assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said step of truncating
2 comprises:

3 dropping the last n characters of said superior resource name,
4 where $n \geq 3$.

1 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
2 incrementing the counter for each additional subordinate resource related to said
3 superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
2 truncating n characters of the superior resource name.

1 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
2 selecting a unique number by the global counter for each subordinate resource of
3 a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1 30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to generate a unique subordinate resource
2 name, said apparatus comprising the steps of:

3 means for identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
4 means for ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
5 means for truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
6 means for obtaining a counter number from a counter;
7 means for appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an ap-
8 pended name; and

9 means for assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1 31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein said step of truncating
2 comprises:

3 means for dropping the last n characters of said superior resource name,
4 where $n \geq 3$.

1 32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:
2 means for incrementing the counter for each additional subordinate resource re-
3 lated to said superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:
2 means for truncating n characters of the superior resource name.

1 34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:
2 means for selecting a unique number by the counter for each subordinate resource
3 of a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1 35. (Previously Presented) A server, comprising:
2 a first superior resource, the superior resource selected from a plurality of superior
3 resources, the first superior resource having a name;
4 a first subordinate resource related to the superior resource, the first subordinate
5 resource selected from a plurality of subordinate resources;
6 means for truncating said first superior resource name to form a truncated name;
7 a counter to produce a globally unique number;
8 means for appending said number to said truncated name to form an appended
9 name; and
10 means for assigning said appended name to said first subordinate resource to gen-
11 erate a unique subordinate resource name for said first subordinate resource.

1 36. (Previously Presented) The server as in claim 35, further comprising:
2 said counter selecting a unique number for each subordinate resource of said plu-
3 rality of subordinate resources.

1 Please add new claims 37 *et al.*

1 37. (New) A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method
2 comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
5 truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
7 appending said first counter number to said truncated name to form a first ap-
8 pended name; and
9 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource.

1 38. (New) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

2 incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique
3 counter number.

1 39. (New) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

2 truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is greater than or
3 equal to three.

1 40. (New) An apparatus for generating a unique subordinate resource name, comprising:
2 means for identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
3 means for ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
4 means for truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
5 means for obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;

6 means for appending said first counter number to said truncated name to form a
7 first appended name; and
8 means for assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource.

1 41. (New) The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising:

2 means for incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain
3 a unique counter number.

1 42. (New) The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising:

2 means for truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is
3 greater than or equal to three.